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A hand holding a flaming sword with rays of light emanating from it. The sword is held diagonally, with the hilt in the lower left and the tip pointing towards the upper right. The blade is engulfed in flames, and numerous rays of light radiate outwards from the sword, creating a dramatic, sunburst-like effect. The background is dark, making the light rays and the flames of the sword stand out prominently.

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# The Flaming Sword

*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## The Corruptions of Modern Government.

THE GREAT serpent is gradually tightening his coils. Despite the pretended legislation against trusts, they flourish in open violation of law. When the tenpin alley was introduced and became a center for a den of thieves, the law prohibited the tenpin alley. It was changed to ninepins, and was never after interrupted. The lawmaking power of our country is in the hands of the money sharks. The primaries whence originate the political activities of our nation are deeply rooted in the slums, and the professional politician of the slum is there for the purpose of selling himself to the man or party who pays the price.

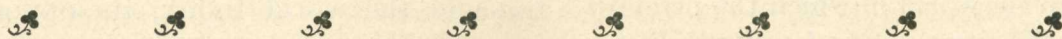
The political machinery is manipulated by the money power, in the interests of Wall and Lombard streets. The backbone of the great financial and commercial trusts is this accursed den of thieves; and there is no legislative power on the face of God's earth that can extricate the people from the financial dilemma into which they have merged through party affiliation. There has been no legislation for thirty years, in the interests of the people. The whole question of politics resolves itself to what will further the possibilities of the financial cormorant, who owns the money of the world and is gradually usurping the rights of the people who know just enough to throw up the hat and hurrah for men like Mark Hanna, because he is endorsed by the particular party with whom they have been in affiliation.

The hour is fast approaching when there will be but

two parties in America and throughout the world,—the money power owning the governments and the people, and the poor deluded people, the asses who carry the burdens. With the money power will be the governments, supported by the army and the navy. Issachar will then be in reality, according to the Scriptural prediction, a strong ass couching down between two burdens, imposed upon him through his own dereliction; and no man can buy or sell without the mark of the beast, either in his forehead (credit) or in his hand, the gold with which to purchase. This mark is the mark of the beast; and so sure as there is a God in heaven, this prediction of John the Revelator is coming true.

The golden calf (desire for money), typified by the image set up in the most holy place by Manasseh, the king of Israel, now desecrates the temple; and as that desecration was the signal for the destruction of Jerusalem, so the golden calf now instituted is the signal for the final desolation to come upon the world. This is the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet.

Let not the people be deceived by the great dailies,—that are under the direct influence of the money power,—in their enunciation of good times. Any influence which operates to lull the wage slave into a false security by the cry of prosperity, even though it be an impulse in the direction of employment of the wage slave, only forges another link in the chain of his oppression.



The race must emerge, by the very nature and course of events, from chaos, or from the formless and void condition, to the state of organic unity.

Truths are representative of, or correspondent to, riches. In other words, truths are the riches of the mind.



## The Four Great Elements of Social Activity.

IT IS NOT the aim of the GUIDING STAR PUBLISHING HOUSE to perform the dirty work of smashing idols, though in clearing up the *debris* of the iconoclasts we may be forced to cart away some of the rubbish which they have left in their tracks. Ours is a constructive work.

There are four fundamental principles lying at the foundation of the social organism and constituting the organic framework of social perfection; they are represented by the four beasts of Ezekiel's prophecy, they signifying the four great basic elements of organic unity. The first principle is commerce; it is the system of circulation, and in the social order corresponds to the heart and vascular system in the human body. The second great principle is represented by the bullock, in the vision of Ezekiel; it corresponds to the hepatic system, and designates agriculture. The third principle is that of the adjustment of the relations of commerce with agri-

culture, and is represented by the third beast of Ezekiel's vision. It corresponds to the kidneys or reins, and in the signs of the Zodiac is represented by the balances or scales. This beast had the face of a man. It involves universal justice.

The fourth principle may be summed up in the term education. This includes everything educational, disciplinary, and especially involves culture on the lines of industrial education. It embraces music, and all the forms of recreation. It comes under the head of the university system of Universology. In the vision of Ezekiel it is symbolized by the Eagle, the voice of which is the pale horse followed by death and hell. The power to aggregate and unify these four great elements of organic force is represented in the symbolic language of the Bible as the four carpenters, who have in hand the construction of universal order in the formation of the kingdom of righteousness about to be inaugurated in the earth.

## The Scientific Conquest of Death.

PROF. U. G. MORROW.

HUMAN DESTINY, the ultimate goal of the highest human aspiration, has been the great problem of the world for ages. What man will be when the cycles are completed, when all of the lines of human experience converge in the apex of progress, is the subject of all religions, the object of universal hope and wonder, the burden of the prophets, the song of the sages. The human heart longs for the realization of a condition of existence transcending the present mortal world—a condition in which life may be enjoyed and death overcome. Such a condition, such destiny, is in the bounds of possibility; indeed, the very elements of ultimate destiny are involved in the momentum of human thought and desire for ages, and its realization through the operation of immutable law is inevitable. The foundation of the primitive Christian system was the actual work of destroying death in *one* personality in the tangible world; a fact accepted by all Christendom, a scientific evidence that its achievement may again result, and result to the *many*, through obedience to the laws of life, which brought immortality to Jesus. The time must come, in the development and progress of the essential substances transfused into humanity in the departure of the Messiah and Founder of the Christian church, when war against death will be renewed in the natural world! Every effort, every work in the natural world, though reflexed in the spiritual, must find its ultimate expression, effect, or fruitage in the world in which the primary and central impulse reaches its climax of potentiality.

Death is a universal conqueror; it rules the world—not merely in the mowing down and entombing of the millions, but in residing and operating in the very na-

ture of the mortal man, in sitting upon the throne of the human will and intellect, fortified in the citadel of the human system. It is the gravity of human desire manifest in the duality of vidual life in the segregate humanity. The world today is in a state of death, both in and out of the grave. The grim spectre stalks the corridors of the human temple, persistent in the work of wrecking the structure until it falls a crumbling ruin. Humanity is a living tomb, in which are maintained the fires of sensualism, where the fuel of life is consumed and its energies dissipated. The seething mass of corruption, of sentient chaos, is the world's hell, the dominion of evil, the kingdom of the devil, the empire of fallacy and delusion!

Every condition in the universe has its opposite condition; the universe is a world of antitheses. The relation of opposites is absolute in every domain, whether in the physical or the mental world. This is a scientific, self-evident postulate, demonstrated in the actual existence of light and darkness, heat and cold, up and down, good and evil, as opposites. The perpetuity of the universe results through the transposition of poles of activity, providing for the continual ascent and descent of energies, the progressive and retrogressive evolutions and involutions of life on all planes of existence. From the basis of analogy, which we find to be applicable in the simplest alchemy, we may know that if death obtains in the world today, its opposite condition of *immortality* may be attained in the world in which death is now operative.

The cause of death at once becomes a problem for scientific solution. Its solution is the discovery of the



laws of biogenesis and their practical application in the actual achievement of victory over death in all its phases. Why may not science touch the secret springs of life, and heal the race of its awful malady? Does not the universe somewhere contain in its bountiful fund of energies, in its generous provisions against contingencies, and in the obvious necessity for the satisfaction of every human desire and aspiration, a conquering host of entities to fight the germs of corruption, to wage war upon the powers of death? Why may not man discover in the laboratory of Nature, the *elixir of life*, the universal panacea, and give to man a full bounty of vitality and lift him out of the delirium of death? Men have searched for the fountain of eternal youth; they have endeavored to discover the universal solvent, the "philosopher's stone." It was the hope of the mediæval alchemist and the explorer. Today, chemistry hopes to discover the central element of all existence and render its appropriation possible to all the world. Even Virchow and Tesla have startled millions through announcement of their avowed interest in the problem of human longevity and immortality, as the result of scientific achievement in the natural world.

Science has solved the problem of human life, and is applying the laws of its discovery. The remedy does not exist in the world of physical energy; there is no potency in the alchemico-electric battery to dethrone the emperor of death. The *elixir vitæ* is not to be found by chemical research in the non-vital substances of the universe. The process of overcoming death is a battle of the vital energies of human existence, a war of mental entities, the energies of brain cells and blood corpuscles, the process of storing in the very fibre of the human system the residuum of exalted mental force in every channel of communication of body and brain! The discovery of the laws of life results from the discovery of the cause of death. When the universal disease is scientifically and successfully diagnosed, both the remedy and its method of application are known. The remedy for death is *life*; human life must resist and overcome human death, and the plane of conflict between life and death is the plane of human existence. The remedy must be applied where the disease obtains.

Man dies because he does not know how to live; he dies because he wastes the very elements of life itself—wastes that which if scientifically conserved and appropriated would bring health, a surplus of vitality, and the consequent happiness of human longevity. The ravages of death obtain through the voluntary and persistent dissipation of human vitality. The flood-tides of mortal corruption have their source in the heart of sensualism, where originate all of the world's woes, all human ills and diseases—and death itself. Man ignorantly dissipates human energies, and is mortal. If mortality results from the destruction of the vital elements of his being, it follows that the conservation, exaltation, and scientific appropriation and determination of these elements would yield to him his substance of salvation, the *elixir of life*, the very forces which would cause every cell and fibre to teem and tingle with

essential essences of being. The processes of regeneration of life are the exact opposites of the processes of physical and mental degeneration,—radical in the extreme, because located at the opposite pole of being. As man exists today, in the reckless sowing of the seed of life for other than legitimate purposes, every corpuscle becomes a tomb of decay, and every fibre the dumping ground of mental offal. The brain is a vortex of sensual spirits in the generation of lust, the magnetism of death; it is the origin of fallacy in the perversions of all the uses of life and of thought. The imbecility, insipidity, and mediocrity of the modern mind are directly due to the continuous destruction of mental entities through the various forms of dissipation of neuro-electric energies in sensual gratification. The very existence of fallacy and mental chaos in the world today is the absolute evidence of the perverted life, an unmistakable manifestation of the universal disease afflicting the world as an entire mass, without exception in all the millions of sentient humanity.

When man undertakes to overcome death, he grapples with his worst and most powerful enemy—an enemy more persistently active for purposes of his destruction than any other agency of the planes of hell. The work of discovery of the secret through which the world is to be redeemed from the thralldom of death, was a daring venture of the Founder of Koreshanity on the sea of turbulent humanity, where the spectres of the sky and the monsters of the deep threaten the life of the voyager on the forbidden waters; the new Columbus, in the avowed purpose of discovering the Garden of Eden, discovered the *continent* borders of the New World. The man who antagonizes death must enter the dark chambers and vaults of the dead, and incur the dangers of hungry ghouls and human hyenas; he invades the territory guarded by all the armies of hades, under the authority of the courts of death. We do not mean in some unseen world or realm, but here in *this*, the natural, corporeal world of man. Nineteen hundred years ago, through lifting the standard of absolute purity in judgment of a fallen church, Jesus brought upon himself the awful vengeance of a mob of devils educated in the orthodox and apostate church, which in every period of the world's history, kills its prophets and destroys its saviors! Koreshanity is engaging in the work of unmasking the modern world in its war against mortality in all its phases; and the modern church, in defense of the sanctity—the hypocrisy of the modern family and the modern home of sensualism, will conspire with all the forces of diabolism, to blot it and its Founder out of existence.

We are entering the war of truth and fallacy, of life and death, of good and evil. We are nearing a practical age, and the essential mental forces are being externalized; the laws of life are now susceptible of application in the external man, because known to the external mind. The doctrines of life, the science of the universe, is able to combat fallacy and death in the external world, because of the discovery of the knowledges of man and cosmos. It is a war of the man against the world—the



most stupendous conquest of the ages!—a war beginning in the mental domain, the combat of truth and fallacy extending into every sphere of human activity. There is no *greater* work than that of overcoming death for the world. Human experience for dispensations culminates in the ability of man to achieve the greatest victory possible in all the universe. Whoever

is successful in the stupendous undertaking, is the universal and mightiest Hero, whose destiny is the scientific resurrection, in highest exaltation on the throne of the universe; he wins the throne of Deity by virtue of the strength of conserved vital manhood, exercised and scientifically applied for the successful dethronement of the emperor of death in the human temple in the natural world!

## Restoration of the Divine Unity of Church and State.

REV. BERTHALDINE.

**N**O RATIONAL mind critically observant of present ecclesiastical and social conditions, in the light of the science of the sole legitimate standard of vital and social integrity, the Mosaic law, can fail to observe in himself and in all men, the revelation of the "man of sin," the violation of that law.

The first essential for the restoration of the divine unity of church and state, is the science of the laws governing the universe, which is the sphere of all existence. This science can be derived only from the truth concerning its form and functions.

The serpent, as the origin of the name indicates, is the symbol of wisdom. The wisdom of the divine human is represented by the brazen serpent. Brass is an alchemic product. The anthropotic brazen serpent is the product of the cross of Jehovah with the mortal humanity, the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is written that the result of eating of the fruit of this tree is to make men wise, to make them as Gods, knowing good and evil.

The first man Adam—known to us as the Lord Jesus Christ—was, it is written, the beginning of the creation of God, the first living soul, inspired by indwelling Deity. So perfect was the equilibrium of his organism, that his flesh could not see corruption. So wise was he unto the salvation of its spirit and soul, that when killed by enmity, he secured their preservation for the resuscitation of his body in the tomb of Joseph, and provided for the reproduction of its life from the universal Gentile tomb of Joseph, of which the sepulchre of hewn stone was a type.

To this first man Adam, or Jehovah, it was said, by the Deity within that holy temple: "It is not good that the man should be alone." Jehovah purposed the manifestation of his Deity as the Tree of Life in the physical universe, and to yield its fruit. The execution of this purpose meant the subjection of Himself to the central law of life, which is the law of the cross. This meant for him to become accursed, to hang upon the tree of knowledge of good and evil as its product, the "man of sin," and to be regarded by those in the domain of the love of sin, as that old serpent the devil.

The Lord Jesus held within himself, sanctified but not yet glorified, the spiritual seed of Abraham, the spirits of the just made perfect by their conjunctive unity in him, through the obedience to law which he

made manifest. He was the involution of a divine spiritual kingdom to be ultimately naturalized in the earth, his inheritance, as a theocratic kingdom, the divine unity of church and state.

To reproduce the divine wisdom as the science of life and immortality, and the divine love as the application of that science to the uses of life, Jehovah necessarily planted himself in soil rich in such reproductive possibilities. This was the mortal debris of a previous cycle of such reproduction, the corrupt and perverted elements of all truth and all good, awaiting transformation to his own divine life in the body of his resurrection as the Grand Man. He is raised in power and great glory. The power is knowledge, the great glory is revealed in the application of this knowledge to the uses of life. Science is the result of the divine love of wisdom and understanding.

When Jehovah entered into conjunctive unity with the soil of mortality, he became the Church Militant as to his manifest existence, the sphere of conflict and disintegration; but the formulator, by virtue of this, of a new kingdom in the heavens, the realms of progressive mentality. As the Church Militant, described by the symbolic term,—*"the tree of knowledge of good and evil,"* completes its cycle of existence, it yields its life to its seed fruit; a fruit so unique in its character that it takes all time and eternity to express its involutions and evolutions. It is none other than the knowledge of God,—God's knowledge of the universe; this is the power of God unto the salvation of the universe from center to circumference. Brought into conjunction with the love of His fallen humanity, which it is its divine right to command, that love is transformed and restored to be the revelation of the divine wisdom, whose eyes are illumined by the Son of Science, the Father-Mother of Gods and men, Elohi-Jehovah.

The descending energies of Jehovah perpetuate the hells by the operation of the laws of sensual propagation, thus giving every entity of His sacrificed flesh the experiences of all forms of mortal existence, by virtue of the law of re-embodiment. In the ascension and aggregation of these entities from the hells, in response to the power of God, which is knowledge in ultimates, the seed fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the man in whom this knowledge ultimates, stands forth from the hells as the nexus of the conjunctive



unity of God and man. He is the great Alchemist—the light of Egypt; the great Reasoner—the Assyrian. He is Petros—the rock of ages,—the foundation stone of the eternal temple, who holds the keys of heaven and hell. He is the Father's name, Jehovah's new name, by which Deity is known for ages; the Sire, the Seer, the prophet, the Eye of Jehovah, this one and no other, is the restorer of the divine unity of church and state in the earth. *Without him we can do nothing.* When he, Petros, is converted to the spirit of the new age, the church and state which he has founded in the earth will receive his breath of lives.

This church and state will constitute the divine expression of universalempire. The strength of its organic unity will be the science of the laws of universal being. Baptized with the spirit of divine life, this empire is transfigured, and unfolds as the answer to the prayer of Jehovah: "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

"The strength of sin is the law." Sinai, the mount of the law, arose from a region of miry clay, hence its

name. On its summit, amidst the thunderings of the clouds of Jove, Moses, truth or water-saved, received by divine influx the strength of sin, the wisdom of experience, the science of the law. This divine influx carried the ascending spirit of Moses to the throne of the celestial heavens, and his descending spirit, as the flesh of Jehovah, through the mire of all the mortal hells. Now, as it ascends, as the natural mind of mortal man made wise unto salvation, it may behold, in the face of the "man of sin," the eyes of the eternal Motherhood of God, the intelligence of the wisdom of her laws.

"Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation." This is the day of the Lord in which "the wise shall understand." It is the hour of the day's dawning. In the mental realms, the lightnings play from the Sword of the Lord and of Gideon. Should the clouds be rent that limit natural vision, the heavenly hosts of the Almighty might be seen descending as the Church Triumphant, to establish in the earth, through her conjunctive unity with the man of God, the holy Kingdom, the state of Righteousness, the Theocracy.

## Enemies of Truth Photographed.

PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

THE PSALMIST describes the enemies of Truth in this wise: "For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue." When persons have lent themselves as open ways, or mediums, for the communication of lying spirits for a time, they lose all capacity for truth and love for those who are its representatives. Their throat becomes literally "an open sepulchre," out of which come only lying spirits of the dead, and the lies they promulgate. That they can perform some marvelous things is true; but they are lying wonders whose whole intent and purpose is to deceive. In Revelation, John saw at the end of the Christian age (the present time), only the "spirits of devils working miracles." We have come to the age of science, and the devils know that their time to deceive, in which they would "seduce, if it were possible, even the elect," is short, and that what they would do must be done quickly, since "The lip of truth shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is

but for a moment." They are destined soon to find that it is in vain that "They trust in vanity and speak lies."

Koreshanity is the movement against which "the gates of hell shall not prevail." The gates of hell are the corrupt and lying humanity through which "Hell has enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure," getting up even into heaven, so that "There was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon." But the dragon and all his lying brood were cast out, and we are approaching the time of that happy deliverance. Now, as nineteen hundred years ago, it will be well for those who are being urged to action, if not to violence, against the Lord's hosts, to heed the advice of that doctor of the law, Gamaliel: "And now I say unto you, refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."



Evolution and involution are co-ordinate and co-operative factors of being; and every involved germ in the universe reaches "its fulness, its sanctity, and its power in ultimates" or last things. The material germ of any given life is the final and culminating germinal *plenum* of that existence, whatsoever it may be.

If natural death is the result of disobedience and the sequence of the curse, then redemption is not complete until the physical nature is redeemed; and if exces-

sive labor is a part of the curse, then the redemption of the Christ must extend to the regulation of that question also.

Each dispensation culminates in its own peculiar order of fruit;—no two dispensations of the same zodiacal series terminating in the same or exactly similar fruition.

Physical creation has absolute and symmetrical form.



# Observations and Reflections.

AMANDA T. POTTER.

## "What is Mediumship?"

"By mediumship is meant whatsoever faculty in human nature enables one person to communicate with another, each with all, and all with God."

Does the above sentence convey any knowledge of the method of spirit communication?

And yet the article of which these are initial words, is written by one of the most prominent of modern spiritistic mediums—W. J. Colville,

Ostensibly, if a title means anything (we are writing under the gentleman's title), to impart to the public the *modus operandi* of such mediation.

He declares that in some degree we are all mediums or mediators of some sort;

But we might as well be in darkest Africa so far as any real light shed by his pen is concerned.

He goes on to speak of people and their theories, of the advisability of correct living,

And in "firstly" of his closing specifications, asserts that "mediumship is simply extraordinary sensitiveness in one or more directions."

The remaining five of the six particulars, convey just as little of the science of mediumship.

Mr. Colville cannot give that which he does not possess. Neither himself nor the power behind the throne of his intellect is cognizant of the science of spirit communication.

Therefore, they encourage processes which are condemned by the laws of legitimate intercommunication between the natural and spiritual worlds.

## Overproduction and Distress.

The political trickster's word for it, overproduction fathers stringent times.

It is therefore in order to remark that there is ominous increase in food stuffs;

Corn alone threatens at the added rate of twenty-four million bushels over the yield of 1897.

We must expect deprivation and distress for the millions to increase in parallel ratio.

That Georgian who recently devised an attachment for rocking cradles,

Would deserve better of the populace had he turned his inventive genius upon curtailment of bursting granaries and bulging bins,

Thus giving a shadow of encouragement that the cradled baby would continue.

Perhaps some missionary on the wing to Bariboolagha can be induced to alight for time

Sufficient to dawn it upon the mind of that man of Georgia, that for the ordinary baby, bread is better than rock.

We agree with the trickster, that there is overproduction in plenty—of selfishness.

We agree with the political trickster exactly, always excepting his application of the term,

Which application is the bull in the china shop of hardpan fact.

## Peace Attends Good Government.

The Cuban's strong desire for peace and settled conditions, irrespective of government,

Reminds one of those brisk specimens of the genus homo who flips up, Jack-in-the-box fashion,

With the assertion that they do not care one little bit whether they live on the inside or on the outside of the universe!

The average American schoolboy of twelve years, should be able to inform the Cuban

That the essential quality of peace and settled conditions will never brood down upon a people under a pestiferous government;

While the tyro in Koreshanity is aware that as between an interior and exterior residence,

There is all the difference in the world with impossibility to apply in the proper place, thrown in.

Some one remarks, that certain people cannot comprehend certain things until their heads evolve brains.

The case skips beyond our horizon when we reflect that involution must precede evolution.

## Smiles Are On Sale.

Time works changes in the style:

A century or so ago, when Bull bellowed across the waters, his countenance was cut on the bias;

He smiles on us now. He smiled on us all through the 111 days of sulphurous difference with the Dons;

He smiles upon our achievement; he smiles upon our aspirations;

He smiles upon our expansions; he smiles. He smilingly remarks that, as an earnest of our appreciation.

The Sooloo archipelago, with some slight tariff amenities, would be a graceful reminder that the lion beams upon the whelp.

In substance of needless addendum, the predilections of the Soolooist cut no figure.

## Good and Evil.

Positive good and positive evil exist. Neither state is dependent upon mental conception.

Good, in its perverted state, is evil; it has suffered transformation.

Evil, likewise, is equally amenable to transforming process, and in its transformation it becomes good.

A contradiction to this cannot be wrung from the saying: "What is one man's meat is another man's poison,"

Since it is a received fact that the demons of the nether regions cannot respire the air of the pure angel sphere,

Any more than the holy angels could exist in the nether regions.

God is positive good; the devil is positive evil.

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Mr. Colville quotes Kate Field in these words: "I look to science to *prove* immortality."

She was a true prophetess; science has proven immortality;

But people who allow themselves to remain engulfed in spurious manifestations of immortality, will be slow to perceive it.



## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE ECLIPSE of the moon on the evening of December 27, viewed through our refractor, exhibited a number of features of interest to the Koreshan astronomer,—facts which receive little attention and consideration in the popular observatory, and which militate against the conclusions of the Copernican system. The extraordinarily bright copper face of the moon, bordering on scarlet, while in the middle of totality, greeted us. It was the reddest eclipse that we ever observed, presenting the aspect of a red-hot copper ball suspended in the sky. The reader is no doubt familiar with the usual theory of the lunar eclipse: It is that the moon at certain periods passes into the cone of the earth's shadow, consisting of the umbra and the penumbra. The penumbra is supposed to be that outer part of the earth's shadow into which sufficient light is diffused and diffracted to make an "eclipse twilight," while the umbra is the complete cutting off of all the sun's rays. If the moon simply and directly reflects sunlight, it would follow that when *all* of the sunshine is cut off the moon would be entirely invisible; but it is not! It is known that no two lunar eclipses present the same phenomena. In the Copernican system it is not supposed that open, interplanetary space is subject to changes of temperature and weather, as in the film of atmosphere upon the convex earth; therefore the laws of transmission of light through universal ether (!) would admit of uniform sunshine in quantity and quality, and consequently every total eclipse of the moon would appear to be the same. The last eclipse was of bright copper color—a red-hot appearance; September 3, 1895, it was purple, and on March 19, 1848, there was only a slight tinge of red during the total cut-off, the moon shining throughout totality with its perfect light as though there were no eclipse whatever! These phenomena are not compatible with modern astronomy; they are inexplicable from the accepted premise of the Copernican system.

The work of modern evangelists,—Moody, Simpson, McCabe, Barnes, Jones, and others, is reacting against modern Christianity. Their methods of soliciting and collecting funds for their self-aggrandizement are not meeting with favor; in fact, they are being repudiated. Moody's methods are especially repulsive; he excites prejudice, and institutes moral and even business *boycotts* in communities in which he operates, against men of wealth who do not immediately respond to his calls for money. Moody is to a community of wealthy men, what the "hold-up" is to the individual on the highway. His mask has recently been torn off by a Denver capitalist, of whom Moody made the extortionate demand of \$75,000 for the Y. M. C. A., which Moody, some years ago, fought bitterly for adopting its club style. Moody ranted in the pulpit about the capitalist, because of his non compliance. The capitalist accuses Moody of *extortion and brigandage* by the "your-money-or-your-life" method, by which he sinks to the level of a mere financial exploiter in the interests of so called charitable institutions. The Christian world tolerates such work, such robberies; it tolerates every form of robbery of the competitive system; but endeavors to wage a war of persecution every time any one voluntarily gives \$1,000 to the Koreshan Institutions!

Adventists for sixty years have been looking for the coming of the Christ, and have not seen him. The older enthusiasts have passed away in disappointment, while others are continuing to cry out of mental darkness, "Behold the bridegroom cometh!" An Adventist evangelist turns the question over in his mind and writes an article, "The Twentieth Century Advent-

ist." He sounds the notes of despair; the time prophecies have all run out; the signs agreed upon are far in the past, and the Adventists cannot raise another general excitement. Their old story of a man bursting through the clouds, is becoming obnoxious and absurd. The advent world has reached its limits. The Man comes teaching the truth, and the blind do not comprehend it. The modern church in all its phases will pass into the new century in doubt and disappointment, to final agnosticism, just as the Jewish church failed to receive the truth sent to them. After rejection of the truth, the bogus doctrine of the impersonality and intangibility of the Messiah must be foisted on the modern world; then they can rest in false peace, until the storm of revolution bursts upon an astonished world.

A Christmas enthusiast endeavors to connect the religion of Jesus the Christ with the modern republicanism, in the declaration that "the unfurled flag of liberty and the cross of Christ go hand in hand." Of course, modern republicanism *is* spreading a little, but we cannot say so much of orthodoxy; for it is dying out! We point to another item of American production, which has to do with the *spirit* of the times. The American people believe in *spirits*, both mental and alcoholic. While "spiritual food" is being sent to every land, and stuffed into the minds of heathen imbeciles, the spiritual *stimulant* is poured down their throats! Before us, alongside the statements of the Christian preacher, is a review of American productions and resources: "We produce more whiskey and better whiskey, than any other country in the world; more brandy and more rum, proved by the wise as the best and safest liquor to drink; enough is made in Massachusetts to supply the needs of America, and to load the many vessels yearly for the civilizing and Christianizing of Africa"!

Hasting's *Christian* observes too much of the evils and corruptions of mortal humanity to conclude with the modern faddists, that the Almighty is the father of the wholesale mass of modern depravity. A recent issue contains an article entitled, "The Fatherhood of the Devil," in which it is said that "the fatherhood of the devil seems to be forgotten or ignored." Jesus did not teach that an immortal God is the father of the mortal, corrupt, and sensual man. The modern doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is promulgated by false claimants to divine sonship, making every devil a Christ, and every sensual brain the container of the divine mind!

America is indeed passing through rapid transformations. The past month has witnessed a genuine surprise—the visit of the President to the southern states. McKinley has visited the legislative bodies of both Georgia and Alabama, made speeches in the South on the growth of Americanism among the powers of the world, and eulogized the confederate soldier for his patriotism. The President was very much in evidence in the southern Peace Jubilee at Savannah, Ga., and aroused a stupendous volume of feeling of American supremacy.

Only two more years of the present century remain; when 1900 ends, a cycle pedaled by a new rider will begin its century run. What marvelous changes took place during the past year! What marvelous transformations in human thought and human society will fill the brief space lying between us and the door of the new century? False prognosticators are failing as pace-makers and as peacemakers. Progress makes rapid strides, riding over every obstacle. Truth moves with Progress, for Progress is the progress of Truth.



Before the Spanish-American war, the democrats in both Houses of Congress were opposed to the recognition of the independence of Cuba, on the ground that the Cubans were incapable of governing themselves. Now, since the republicans are committed on the subject of annexation and expansion, the democratic party all at once concludes that the Cubans *are* capable of self government, and that even the semi-barbarous Filipinos can safely run a republican government with 10,000,000 subjects!

There are no elements of a fad in Koreshanity. In its founding, human sensualism was not consulted, human vanity was debarred from selection of its features. There is nothing existing as a part of the old world's fallacies, that has any part in the Truth. It is not in keeping with the perverted tastes, desires, and aspirations of modern humanity. As a following, it does not desire quantity, but quality; it does not want numbers, but capacity—brains, hearts, vitality!

The time is rapidly approaching when the Koreshan Astronomy will be the only system recognized in the world. At present, it is considered an innovation—a mere theory, but withal a beautiful one. Its beauty lies in its rational conclusions, in its truth. After a little hard work against modern prejudice, it will move the world with an irresistible impulse, converting the millions who now thoughtlessly accept a gigantic fallacy.

The Bonapartists of Europe are sounding the alarm of the approaching end of pretended peace. The Bonapartists exist as a party, a power in politics; they exist as a society, and hold annual conferences under the leadership of Prince Victor Bonaparte. Upon recent election of Baron Legoux at conference at Brussels, it was announced that "The time of watching is ended, and the hour for combat is sounding!"

A number of modern reformers appeal to Jesus as authority on socialism. Did not Jesus teach *other* things than socialism? He taught the philosophy of life; he had no socialism apart from his revelations of the divine Being, no communism separate from his theology. Yet many reformers who are harping about Christian socialism do not care a farthing about the principles of the divine religion.

The democrats are fighting manifest destiny in opposing American expansion. Is American democracy incapable of girdling the globe? If democracy is the true form of government, the government of liberty and freedom, would not the Cubans and Filipinos be *as free*, if made a part of the American republic, as they would be if democratic only by themselves?

The work of enlightening the world consists in more than burning away the cobwebs; the difficulty is deeper than spider's yarns. Fallacy goes down into the fibre of the human system—into the very groundwork of all mentality. Truth must burn it out,—burn up the old fibre and construct the new; it must destroy the mortal frame and form the new man.

The world talks of peace, and many are deluded into the feeling that real peace obtains. There is no peace in the world today—not even cessation of war. No less than twenty wars are now being waged: 11 in Africa; 5 in Asia; 1 in Europe, and 3 in the western hemisphere; while other nations are on the brink of insurrection and revolution.

All of the reform papers that have patent insides and outsides have issued booming news of the Spanish-American war, the victories, the prospects for annexation and expansion of American territory, while in the editorial columns, we find the

editors opposed to the measures. Consistent reform press! Too many editors spoil the broth!

Both the natural and spiritual worlds are being drawn into the inevitable vortex for the destruction of the barriers between the two. When the spiritual stars fall into the anthropotic earth, humanity will enter an age of reformation in the establishment of heaven in earth.

If the world could not have a devil, it would be impossible to have a God. It is impossible to generate light independently of darkness; heat cannot exist where cold cannot be. Through the universal law of antithesis, opposite conditions must obtain in all domains of existence.

Hypotheses are bubbles projected into the mental atmosphere, from which logic, the artist of reason, is asked to draw conclusions. Conclusions from hypotheses are imaginary pictures of unrealities. The Copernican astronomy is founded upon bubbles.

An agnostic exchange says: "If you wish to know what religion is worth, try to borrow money on it." Might try agnosticism as security. What's the trouble, Agnostic,—running short of arguments, that such matter must be used?

Modern ingenuity and competitive schemes meet the pope of Rome half way in parading his holiness through the Vatican gardens, by means of the cinematograph or kinetoscope. Now, drop a nickle in the slot and see the pope!

The world is nearing the rapids of revolution in the stream of time. There is no escape from the awful Niagara, over which the elements of fallacy must gravitate to destruction.

At the time the Almighty is endeavoring to establish his kingdom in the earth, the world is making the greatest endeavor to get out of the world into heaven.

If the modern church is in the light now, the primitive church was in darkness; for there is no semblance between the two in either faith or practice.

The world is perverted; the true science has come to turn the old world upside down, and the axes of revolution are laid at the root of the tree of evil.

Men will persist in wasting the life energies they have in the natural world, while hoping for immortal life beyond the clouds!

Are you tired of modern theories and systems? If so, hear the other side; we have the exact opposite side.

The workingman is weighed on the wage scales, and often found wanting in the necessities of life.

What are the wild thought-waves on the ocean of mental chaos, saying?

When mortgaged farms are rigged for sail, they are launched on the market.

New Year resolutions are like fallacious theories; they fail in application.

Modern stock breeders produce bulls and bears in the stock exchange.

Some spheres of thought are as light and as empty as soap bubbles.

Manufactories and establishments of the capitalists are steal works.

Nothing but a proven fact can be a true premise of conclusion.



# Editorial Discussions, Chats, and Correspondence.

THE EDITOR.

## First Step in Church Declension.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—In Vol. 1, No. 38 of THE SWORD I find this statement: "The Christianity of today is a sham; its pretensions are spurious; its standard of life is not the standard set up by Jesus, but a modification of primitive religion made by Paul, who was 'all things to all men,' and who permitted, in the church established among the Gentiles, compromises that his modification of the Christian system might gain a rapid foothold throughout the world. The Pauline theology is not the theology of the Lord."

This is equivalent to saying that the writings of Paul contain false doctrine, whereas I had supposed that a true interpretation of Paul would be in harmony with the truth involved in Koreshanity.—H. J. J., Perkins, Ia.

The dispensation of the truth of Jesus, in its purity to the people to whom Jesus came as the Messiah, was through the personalities whom Jesus personally chose, taught, and specially commissioned to preach his gospel. The apostles chosen in person by Jesus constituted the central nucleus of the primitive church; in that nucleus were the three personalities representing and receiving the three degrees of divine life—John, James, and Peter, receiving respectively the celestial, spiritual, and the natural degrees of the Word. Unless Jesus was mistaken in his choice, these men proclaimed the truth to the Jews,—a profounder faith than could be comprehended or imparted by any other minds. The central nucleus contained the truth in its unity and wholeness.

Paul was never in harmony with the twelve apostles, for the simple reason that he received a fragment of the disseminated life. He quarreled with Peter and other apostles, and finally separated entirely from those who worked among the Jews, while Paul went among the Gentiles. The only way the gospel could be given to the Gentiles, who were not prepared through an age of experience and progress along specific lines, and who were outside of the channels through which the Almighty operated and passed from the Noatic dispensation down to the end of the Jewish dispensation, was by a process of modification; and the character of that modification depended upon the character of the man or mind through which the modification was to be made.

The theology of Paul was an adapted theology, diluted to suit the Pagan taste; his compromise was the first step in the declension of the church. Paul did not comprehend the gospel in its fulness; he did the best he could, but he made some mistakes. What he taught was true in a sense,—it was true in the plane to which

the essence had descended in him; he manifested the effect of the life of Jesus in its commingling with the mortal man; he expressed a shade of death or apostasy of divine life. The essences had gravitated into a different atmosphere, and their character was naturally changed, because the operation of the laws of the alchemy of the mind do not admit of an idea being exactly the same after its transmission through different planes or strata of mentality. There was just as much difference between the theology of Paul and the theology of Jesus, as there was between the life and character of Paul and Jesus. The theology of Jesus was perfect, because he was the perfect, immortal man; his concept was clear and absolute. The theology of Paul was imperfect because he was an imperfect man, and acknowledged that he "saw through a glass darkly" and but dimly.

## The Blooming of the Tree of Life.

A friend inquires, Where is the analogy in the bringing forth and ripening of seed in the vegetable kingdom and the mission of the Founder of Koreshanity, there being no dependence upon one maturing seed in the ripening of many seeds. Please answer in THE FLAMING SWORD.—M. A. P., Ohio.

The tree of life performs its functions according to immutable law. It is the tree of humanity, the tree of human life, bearing its fruit every twelfth division of the great Zodiacal year, each fruitage differing from a previous bearing, according to the quality of the soil into which the seed was planted. The life of Jesus, as the seed of humanity, was sown in the world nineteen hundred years ago, and in the order of the propagation of the life of that seed it died in the corrupt soil, producing a tree which has been active in human history during the Christian dispensation. It has spread its branches, put forth its foliage, and has grouped its corpuscles for the final fruitage. All of the progress of the tree of life during the passing dispensation has been through the church in its various modifications and results. No tree bears its seed directly on the stem without the bud, the flower, and the fruit. We must be rational in our analogies, and scientific in our application of the correspondence between the vegetable kingdom and the human world.

The old dispensation ends with the blooming of the tree of life; where specific functions of sex in dual forms are expressed. The flower contains the organs of generation of the coming seed. The flower and its functions intervene between

the sowing of the seed and the fruitage or harvest. The central personality of this dispensation corresponds to the center of the bloom, the pistil, terminating the axis of growth of the flower, the central stem for the reception of the elements of fecundation. The pollen received by the pistil is produced by the stamens or the anthers, corresponding to the seven celibate and communistic societies of America; and their decline, after casting off the pollen of human progress and life into the central intellectual laboratory, is scientific evidence of the stage of development of the tree of life and the proximity of the time of the maturity of the fruit, the time of the harvest.

When the pistil has performed its functions as to its outward form, it does not wither and die as do the stamens, but becomes a part of the living fruit by absorption into the ovary of the flower, the vascular or cellular terminus of the pistil, through which the seeds are constructed and manifest. In the consideration of the subject of this analogy, the fact that man is composite—made up of elements of all kingdoms beneath him, while the vegetable kingdom is but a fraction of the whole, must be recognized and all the relations and correspondences understood; because in the blooming of the tree of life and the production and manifestation of the fruit, there are operative functions and laws analogous to all the kinds of vegetable life, and it requires the science of the entire kingdom to make the analogy complete.

## God is in the Righteous.

You did not answer my question satisfactorily regarding the reproduction of the sons of God. You say they will be of a higher order than is manifest today. What higher order can there be, since God dwells in man.—J. P., Milford, Ill.

Man as he exists today is mortal and corrupt. The mortal man is, in fact, only a half a man; the true and perfect genus of humanity being biune in nature, male and female in one person, possessing the functions of the propagation of life on a plane above the sensual generation. God is not in everybody. Through the Jewish dispensation, the only people he was in were the descendants of Abraham. The Almighty is in the generation of the righteous (Psa. xiv:5), not in the generation of the unrighteous. The sons of God will be men from heaven just as Jesus was from above; while the mortal man is from beneath, having his specific and direct origin in death. The new order of humanity, consisting of 144,000 Gods, will be as



far superior to the present manhood, as the mortal man is superior to the animal kingdom, or as the animal kingdom is superior to the vegetable. The immortal man is the resurrected man; and the resurrected man is God, in the highest form of his tangible existence.

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### First Impressions of Investigators of Koreshan Universology.

**A Foundation Firmer than the Rock of Gibraltar.**

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—My first and present impressions of Koreshanity may interest your readers as much as others' impressions have interested me. My fondest desire since earliest childhood has been to make others happy, or more happy than myself. As I grew into youth and manhood, I longed for a humanity impelled by brotherly love, and in pursuance of my craving I followed the example and advice of my parents, a Quaker father and a Wesleyan mother; and before the war of the Rebellion, associated myself with the church, hoping to find that jewel—love, I so long had sought. I did find *something* in these hearts, but so far different from what I expected; for to me it was cold and dark, not warm and bright; it was envy and hate, not fellowship and love.

My longing was for the reality of good and truth, not theory. I felt that people had gone to perdition on theory, and my prospect was not much brighter! For many years I wandered upon the shoals of despair, until it seemed to have wrecked my bark among fierce breakers; while wildly plunging for something to buoy me up, I unexpectedly found myself upon a rock, a sure foundation, a Gibraltar of Truth, Koreshan Science.

In 1886, I heard of a lecture given by a man on healing and other wonderful topics, on Washington Boulevard, Chicago. Eagerly I grasped at the prospect of physical relief from a severe affliction, not knowing the depth of the recipe the healer would hold out for my acceptance. At first opportunity I called upon the Doctor, and was surprised that he talked religion, not medicine; of manipulating and moulding the mind, not massaging the body. He said he wanted to cure my body for eternity, not for the grave. I must admit that I was dumbfounded by the interview, and could not gather myself to digest his statements and questions. He discovered that I was deeply religious, but ignorant and orthodox. After the interview, I remained and heard him lecture on the brain of man. I found a man of wisdom, an intellectual man that I believed knew what he was talking about! His assertions in our private conversation puzzled me, but when I coupled them with his lecture, I concluded that there was more than an ordinary mind in his System of Science, and that it was well worth my while to consider all I had heard. That night

brought me no sleep; but the restless hours were spent in a careful analysis of the interview and the lecture. I had a battle with self and the errors absorbed from religious instruction in past life; but I soon gained the victory on the Concave Theory, and the triumph on that score led me to conclude to give the theological claims careful, calm, and unbiased consideration. My statements to my friends on the following day amazed them. I soon accepted the System of KORESH, and my friends were horrified at my assertions of faith in it, and many turned against me.

From the first week of my acquaintance with KORESH, I have lived on the concave surface of the universe. My mind became revolutionized; all that I had depended upon as truth, I saw to be fallacy! For twelve years now, I have given my entire religious and scientific thought to the Koreshan System; and today I am more firmly impressed than ever before, that it alone contains the jewel of truth and good. It measures the universe by the plumb-line of right; it compasses all the ends of the earth, knowing the layers thereof. It has the Sign of Jehovah, the Fore-runner of the new heavens and the new earth, the new dispensation of peace in earth and good will! By it we are merging into the imperial Theocratic kingdom, of which America will be the glorious national Head and Leader; yet by the fire of theocrasis only can we be cleansed, and the evil consumed.—J. H. D., Chicago.

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### Words of Welcome for the Cellular Cosmogony.

**Koreshan Astronomy Interests Professors and Students.**

I have disposed of the copies of the CELLULAR COSMOGONY you sent me for the professors and students of this place (Dixon, Ill.) I have placed one copy in the library, and gave one each to Prof. D. and Prof. H. I gave one copy to a student, who has accepted the astronomy. I sold one to a Chicago man, one to an ex-teacher, and one to Prof. P. an ex-principal. Prof. P. reported after reading Part 1; he claimed that KORESH had convinced him on the subject, as far as he went. H. will accept the Astronomy; the ex-teacher is converted, and the store-keeper is studying it. I called on Prof. D. today; too busy with examinations to read, but will do so. Prof. H. had taken time to read about 60 pages; cannot give an opinion yet. In talking to him, he admitted that convexity is only an assumption, but that triangulation was a successful method of demonstration. I forced him to admit the three assumptions used in triangulation as applied to celestial mathematics; he admitted the assumptions, and then I left him guessing. He is the finest geometrician here, and has just sent in 68 corrections on the book on geometry he uses in the schools. His opinion will have some weight, for he will find an error in your

book if it exists; he promises a written opinion.—R. O. SPEAR.

**Convinced of Accuracy of Koreshan Geodetic Work.**

EDITOR SWORD:—Having read the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, I want to say that I do not see how any honest, intelligent person can read it without being convinced of the painstaking fairness of the Koreshan Geodetic Staff in the survey on the Florida coast, and other experiments noted therein. For Copernican advocates to deny the results of the observations and experiments recorded, without instituting as careful, publicly announced counter experiments, seems to me either down-right dishonesty or babyish idiocy. I will do what I can to circulate the book.—J. L. TRAUGHBER, Texas.

**Excitement in San Diego, Cal.**

Some of the people here are getting quite stirred up over the concavity of the earth; and say they are going down to the bay to prove it for themselves. I wish the Koreshan Geodetic Staff could come here. One man said that the earth might have been concave where the experiments were made. Koreshans must be pretty smart to be able to know just where they could find a *concave* contour on the water's surface eight inches to the mile on a *convex* earth! Two others said that it seemed natural that we were on the inside, as all life is within.—MRS. L. P. C.

**Can be Understood by the Schoolboy.**

DEAR EDITOR:—I saw in your paper, THE FLAMING SWORD, that you would send it for names. As I have no other way to pay for subscription, I would send you names for it. THE SWORD is the best scientific paper I ever read; I could not be without it. I am only fourteen years of age; I go to school every day, and study Harper's fifth reader, White's arithmetic, Eclectic geography, and Barnes' history. My brother Charles is a member of your community. I will send you 100 names now, and more later. My father is selling nursery stock, and obtains many names.—RALPH RABY, Ohio.

**Some Pooh at It.**

I accept your offer of a thousand circulars with my name on them as authorized agent. I think they will greatly assist me in selling the book. It has created quite an excitement in this city. I approach none but men of some visible means of support, men of intelligence. I informed some others who poohed at it, that twelve years ago they poohed at many inventions announced, and which afterwards became realities,—as wireless telegraphy, long distance telephoning, etc.—C. W. W., Akron, O.

I have read the CELLULAR COSMOGONY and find it to be a feast of good things. It is equivalent to a command to the most intelligent believers in the Copernican monstrosity to keep silent,—which I have no doubt will be implicitly obeyed by



every one of them! Even conceited weaklings like Blodgett will be slow to raise their voices after reading the book.—M. H. Z., Lochthree, Ala.

The CELLULAR COSMOGONY stimulates the mind of every one reading it. No good, sound-minded man will do without it. I find that thinking people are wanting the book, and THE SWORD as well. I am happy when I can take up THE SWORD and study its columns, and find the true teaching for the purpose of elevating mankind.—W. H. W., Muscatine, Ia.

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## Chat With Readers.

The consensus of opinion is that the last issue of THE FLAMING SWORD was extraordinary. Perhaps this one is just as good; we anticipate the conclusion in advance. We are greatly encouraged in our work; a prosperous year is before us,—a year in which it will be easy for our readers to assist us in many ways. You are the circumference of our activity; we radiate the best thoughts of the world,—we print them for you. You cannot estimate the value of truth, for it is not to be measured by the mere pittance of subscription. During the present year, a great movement should spring up in our increasing and expanding circle of readers and friends,—a crusade against fallacy. You can be happiest only in giving to others what you enjoy. We labor unceasingly in the interests of Truth, because we enjoy it; it is our mission, and it should be yours. We want to do more for you; we have much to give, but the amount is measured by our opportunities and the receptivity of the people. The cities and towns of America should be searched for those who are hungering for the truths of life. How many can you find in your vicinity? There are surely others besides yourself. What is life to you may be to them also, did they but know that such a marvelous System is in the world!

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## The World's News.

Wednesday December 28, 1898.

Washington Democrats planning to oppose American expansion in coming campaign.

Russia buys \$1,000,000 worth of machinery in America for steel plant.

Brazil ratifies extradition treaty with U.S. Illinois teachers in convention at Springfield.

Grand Duke Cyril, Czar's cousin, visits America on tour around the world.

Thursday.

American corn rises to 40 cents; due to large export trade.

Pope wants church dignitaries to take part in proposed disarmament conference of Europe.

Congress of scientists at Columbia College, New York.

Friday.

Liberia, Africa, appeals to England and America for a joint protectorate from German rapacity.

Riot threatens Havana; insurgents in ugly mood; insurgents not permitted to march in city on day of evacuation.

Ex-bailiff and Juror indicted at Chicago for bribery.

Revolt of Bocayas and Kabyle tribes in Morocco is imminent.

Saturday.

Gen. Brooke discovers Cuban plots to murder Spaniards at Havana.

Threatening Turkish raid on Christians in Macedonia.

\$4,000,000 paper trust forming in Rhode Island; avowed purpose to eliminate competition and monopolize the trade.

Sunday.

New Year's!

U. S. flag hoisted over forts and public buildings at Havana; Spaniards gracefully surrender sovereignty in the West.

Watterson nominates Dewey and Lee on democratic ticket for next campaign, in *Courier-Journal*.

France and England still quarreling over African territory.

Monday.

Dr. Gunsaulus' liberal and free church threatens to try assistant pastor for heresy!

Grave situation at Iloilo, Philippines; battle imminent; insurgents defy both Spaniards and Americans.



German press prophesying four great powers in 20th century: Germany, United States, England, and Russia. Chicago Russians greet Grand Duke Cyril.

Tuesday.

Revolutionary uprising in Bolivia, South America; combat between revolutionists and troops imminent; La Paz merchants preparing for a siege.

France and Russia combine to oppose England in China.

Strike riots in Hungary; police disarmed at Nagy-Komlos.

King Charles of Portugal talks economic and colonial reform to Cortes.

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January Frank Leslie's

The complete story of the sinking of the *Merrimac* and the capture and imprisonment of her crew at Santiago, will be graphically told in an article by Osborn W. Deignan, U. S. Navy, late helmsman of the *Merrimac*, in the January FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY, now ten cents. The story will be fully and richly illustrated with authentic portraits of Hobson and all the crew, besides many new drawings specially prepared under Mr. Deignan's personal supervision. Other features promised for the January FRANK LESLIE'S are: Bret Harte's new story, "Jack Hamlin's Meditation"; Joaquin Miller's "In a Klondike Cabin"; and Thomas R. Dawley's "Campaigning with Gomez."

The January Chautauquan.

A number of interesting articles appear in the current issue of the *Chautauquan*; both economic and scientific subjects are discussed. The Co-operative Kitchen in E. J. Edwards' article on "The American Hotel," is a hint at the solution of the servant question. The various theories of the cause of shooting-stars are noted by Prof. O. F. Bianco, with a number of facts concerning the phenomena and periodic times of their remarkable manifestation. L. H. Batchelder, A. M., is discussing the central element of organized matter, the latest speculation of modern chemistry and physics. The *Chautauquan* and THE FLAMING SWORD taken together, cost only \$1.75 a year. Think of it in renewing your subscription.

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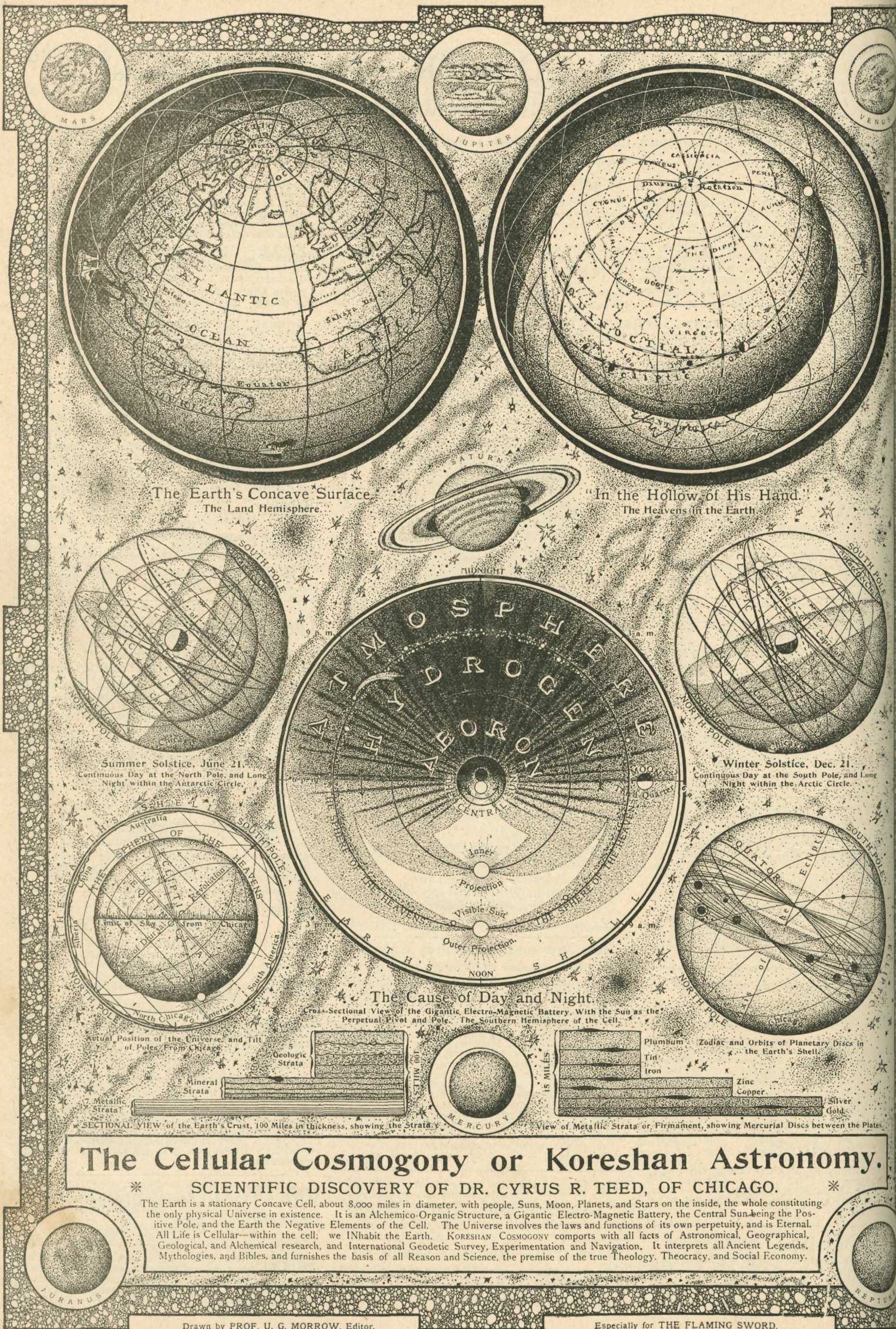
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